

WHO... will receive ballots for the Prop. 218 protest hearing – property owners or registered voters?

Assembly Bill 2701 establishes that the Prop. 218 ballots be for “assessment”. According to Prop.218, the ballots for assessments must be delivered to property owners.

WHAT... sites are being considered in the County’s alternatives analysis?

The County’s project team initially considered all of the treatment plant locations studied in past reports. The team’s “rough screening” efforts will eliminate some sites so that the most viable sites can be evaluated in greater detail. Anticipate the release of our rough screening report in mid-February 2007.

WHERE... will the boundaries of the County’s Prop. 218 assessment district be in comparison to the prohibition zone established by the Regional Water Board?

The assessment district will essentially follow the prohibition zone boundary. Individual property owners or groups of property owners outside the prohibition zone may decide to voluntarily participate in the wastewater project.

WHEN... will the final project be selected?

The County plans conduct a community advisory vote in mid-2008 to determine which alternative has the most community support. After considering the results of the community advisory vote and complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the County Board of Supervisors will make the final project selection.

WHY... is the Tri-W Project still “on the table?”

The Tri-W Project is the only project that has been approved and permitted by the State and Federal regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the community wastewater project. It is important that the County comply with the CEQA, and eliminating a fully permitted project would be inappropriate prior to County completion of CEQA requirements and the Board of Supervisors approval of a CEQA “Notice of Determination”.

HOW... will the County evaluate the “STEP/STEG” collection system technology?

The County’s project team is considering a “STEP/STEG” collection system. The team will also review real world case studies from other communities that operate “STEP/STEG” collection systems to evaluate questions about operation and maintenance, odors, reliability, and home owner satisfaction. The goal is to develop a true “apples-to-apples” comparison of the various collection system alternatives.